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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, AEMR, CG

SUBJECT: SHABA SITREP NO. 3 AS OF 1000 HOURS GMT, MAY 16

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